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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON MARINA TIEMKINA AND
VLADIMIR LAZARIS

REF: (A) STATE 087192, (B) STATE 103219

1. REF A ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON TIEMKINA CASE. AS A WELL-INFORMED REFUSENIK SOURCE EXPLAINED IT TO US, THE STORY IN THE NY TIMES IS BASICALLY CORRECT. OUR SOURCE TELLS US THAT TIEMKINA HAS NO DESIRE TO LEAVE THE USSR, THAT SHE HAS COMPLETELY BROKEN WITH HER FATHER AND IS VERY MUCH UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HER MOTHER WHO LIVES HERE AND HAS NO INTENTION OF LEAVING THE USSR. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT ANY SUGGESTION OF KGB INFLUENCE WAS "NONSENSE."

2. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT SHE WAS NOT SURPRISED AT THE PUBLICITY GENERATED IN THE WEST BY TIEMKINA'S FATHER. SHE OBSERVED THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT WAS THE CASE AND IMPLIED THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS MORE WORTHY CLAIMANTS AMONG SOVIET JEWS FOR THE ATTENTION AND INTEREST OF THE WEST.

3. REF B CONCERNS THE LAZARIS CASE. TWO SOURCES TELL US THAT WHILE LAZARIS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT RECENTLY OF FAIRLY CONTINUAL HARASSMENT BY THE KGB, HE IS STILL FREE. IN THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT, LAZARIS' FLAT WAS AGAIN SEARCHED MAY 5. REPORTEDLY
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VERY LITTLE WAS TAKEN. OUR SOURCES DID NOT KNOW UNDER WHAT ARTICLE OF THE RSFSR CRIMINAL CODE THE SEARCH WARRANT HAD BEEN ISSUED. OUR SOURCES ADDED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE AT ALL SURPRISED IF LAZARIS WERE TO BE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH "YEVREY V SSR" SINCE HE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ITS PUBLICATION.

4. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MAKING A DEMARCHE ON LAZARIS'

BEHALF, ALTHOUGH WE DOUBT THAT IT WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT.
HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS LAZARIS IS
ACTUALLY ARRESTED, IF THAT OCCURS. UNTIL HE IS ARRESTED, THE
SOVIET AUTHORITIES COULD REASONABLY REPLY THAT THERE WAS NO
CHANGE IN HIS SITUATION, AND THEREFORE NO GROUNDS FOR
PROTEST.
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